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Title:	APPLICATION SERVER DOMAINS		

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2005, Applicants submit the following Remarks which start on page 8. The original claims, 1-23, are not amended. New claims 24 - 31 have been added. Claims 1-31 are pending.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper; however, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

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that Rao discloses an "application server." However, without the disclosure of an application server, or at least the disclosure of how the Rao invention would be applicable thereto, the "switch" of Rao fails to fully disclose the limitations of any of Applicants' claims.

Rao Is Not Directed To Servicing Multiple Service Providers

Another important distinction between Applicants' invention and Rao is the ability of Applicants' invention to "enable different business entities to offer services from the same application server without losing control over call handling" (paragraph 10). Applicants' application server can, for example, "offer services to both Verizon and Sprint subscribers" (paragraph 25). Such servicing of multiple service providers would not be possible in Rao's switch, wherein different service providers would, by definition, lose control over call handling.

In an effort to highlight this additional distinction of handling calls for multiple service providers, and to obtain claim protection to which Applicants believe they are entitled, new claims 24-31 have been added.

Conclusion

Applicants consider the Response herein to be fully responsive to the referenced Office Action. Based on the above Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that, since Rao does not disclose an application server, or provide any indication of applicability to an application server, it cannot be anticipatory of Applicants' claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested and allowance requested. If there are any remaining issues or the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (972) 718-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD
Effective October 1, 2001

Application or Docket Number: 10003394

CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
TOTAL CLAIMS	23	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	23 minus 20=	* 3
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4 minus 3 =	* 1
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		☐

SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐	RATE	FEE		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE		370.00	OR BASIC FEE		740.00
	X$ 9=		OR	X$18=	54
	X42=		OR	X84=	84
	+140=		OR	+280=	
TOTAL			OR TOTAL		878

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

AMENDMENT A

	(Column 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(Column 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Column 3) PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total	* 3	Minus ** 23	= 8	X$ 9=		OR	X$18=	
Independent	* 5	Minus *** 4	= 1	X42=		OR	X84=	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM ☐				+140=		OR	+280=	
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

AMENDMENT B

	(Column 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(Column 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Column 3) PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total	*	Minus **	=	X$ 9=		OR	X$18=	
Independent	*	Minus ***	=	X42=		OR	X84=	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM ☐				+140=		OR	+280=	
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

AMENDMENT C

	(Column 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(Column 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Column 3) PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total	*	Minus **	=	X$ 9=		OR	X$18=	
Independent	*	Minus ***	=	X42=		OR	X84=	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM ☐				+140=		OR	+280=	
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

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